



Bear Cub Scout Den Meeting Plans

Den meeting plans are developed around a Scouting program year that is presumed to begin in early September and continue through May, at which time Cub Scouts would become involved in summertime Scouting activities. Two types of den meeting plans are offered for the den leader's use:

- ▶ Numbered plans: Programming for the program/school year (September through May), including rank advancement requirements for dens meeting twice a month
- ▶ Lettered or supplemental plans: Additional programming for dens meeting year-round or more than twice per month

Meeting Date	Den Meeting Plan No.	Bear Den Meeting Plans	Achievements/Electives Covered
	1	Bobcat, The Past Is Exciting and Important, and Building Muscles	Do: Bobcat 1–7. Achievements 8c, 8d, 8g, and 16a HA*: Bobcat 8. Achievements 3b, 8d and 16a
	2	What Makes America Special? and The Past Is Exciting and Important	Verify: Bobcat 8. Achievement 8d Do: Achievements 3a, 3b, 3d, 3j, 8b, and 8e. HA: Achievement 3b
	3	Ride Right	Verify: Achievement 3b, 16a Do: Achievement 14a, 14b, 14c, and 14e (14f)
	4	Law Enforcement Is a Big Job (police station visit)	Do: Achievement 7a–f HA: Achievements 7c–e, 1a, and 1b
	5	Ways We Worship, Law Enforcement Is a Big Job, and Sawdust and Nails	Verify: Achievement 7c–e Do: Achievements 1a, 1b, 7c–e, 20a, and 20b (20c) HA: Achievement 20c if not done in the den
	6	Sawdust and Nails and Games, Games, Games!	Verify: Achievement 20c if not done in the den Do: Achievements 15a and 20b
	7	What's Cooking?	Do: Achievement 9a, 9b, 9d, and 9e HA: Achievement 9c
	8	Be Ready!	Verify: Achievement 9c Do: Achievement 11a–e and 11g HA: Achievement 11e
	9	Building Muscles and Games, Games, Games!	Verify: 11e Do: Achievements 15b and 16a–c HA: Achievement 13a–g (any four)
	10	Saving Well, Spending Well and Games, Games, Games!	Verify: Achievement 13a–g (any four) Do: Achievement 15a–c HA: Achievement 6a
	11	The Past Is Exciting and Important and Information, Please	Verify: Achievement 6a Do: Achievements 8a, 17b, and 17c HA: Achievement 17a and 17d if not already done
	12 and 13	Sharing Your World With Wildlife	Verify: Achievement 17a and 17d if not already done Do: Achievement 5a–c and 5e. Wildlife Conservation belt loop optional HA: Achievements 5d and 6d–f

*HA = Home/family assignment

	14	Take Care of Your Planet	Verify: Achievements 5d and 6d-f Do: Achievement 6a-g (four of seven)
	15	Build a Model (pinewood derby car construction, part 1)	Do: Assignment 21a
	16	Build a Model (pinewood derby car construction, part 2)	Do: Assignment 21a



Supplemental Den Meeting Plans

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A	Maps	Do: Elective 23a-e
B	Shavings and Chips	Do: Achievement 19a-d
C	Tying It All Up	Do: Achievement 22a-e
D	Build a Model (rockets)	Do: Achievement 21f and 21g
E	Magic!	Do: Elective 13
F	Jot It Down	Do: Elective 18a, 18d, 18e, 18g, and 18h
G	Nature Crafts	Do: Elective 12a
H	Space	Do: Elective 1c. Astronomy belt loop
I	Space	Do: Elective 1b, 1e, and 1f
J	Landscaping	Do: Elective 14
K	Farm Animals (field trip)	Do: Elective 16
L	Swimming**	Do: Elective 19. Swimming belt loop
M	Boats ***	Do: Elective 5
N	American Indian Life	Do: Elective 24
O	Build a Model	Do: Achievement 21e
P	Family Fun	Do: Achievement 10a
Q	Family Outdoor Adventure (den hike)	Do: Achievement 12b. Hiking belt loop
R	Let's Go Camping	Do: Elective 25a
S	Tall Tales	Do: Achievement 4

** *Note:* Using this plan requires completion by the leader(s) of Safe Swim Defense training. (See www.scouting.org.)

*** Using this plan requires completion by the leader(s) of Safety Afloat training. (See www.scouting.org.)

Bear Rank Achievements and Electives

To earn the Bear rank, a Cub Scout must complete 12 achievements out of a possible 24 that are offered in the book. This is VERY different from Wolf and Tiger where you had to “do every achievement category,” though in Wolf there are *some* choices. The Bear achievements are grouped in four major areas, God (1 and 2), Country (3–7), Family (8–13), and Self (14–24). Within each group, a required number of achievements must be completed (the details are in the *Bear Handbook*). So, in Bear, you don’t need to try to “do it all,” because you don’t have to do it all to earn the rank.

The den meeting plans select the achievements to be done so that rank advancement may be most efficiently achieved. In addition to the den activities, certain activities are **primarily done at home and signed off in the handbook by the boy’s parent** or adult family member after the boy has completed each task. The handbook is later shown to the den leader or assistant, who records the progress and also signs the boy’s book.